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SUBJECT: **YARD 7 - CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR THE VACATION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ON ALDER DRIVE IN THE MOUNTIAN HOME VILLIAGE AREA.**

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On August 27, 2003, the Highway Planning Technical Committee (HPTC) reviewed a request by a private landowner to vacate a portion of Alder Drive west of Coulter Pine Drive. The applicant is currently in the building permit process for the construction of a new home. Both Mill Creek and the set back requirements allowed by Building and Safety render part of the parcel unusable for construction. The applicant would utilize the vacated portion of Alder Drive as legal and physical access on to Coulter Pine Drive. The vacation action will remove the public road rights within the buildable portion of the lot and will allow for the continuance of the planned new construction.

The HPTC recommended approving this vacation action, subject to the applicant obtaining and recording legal access right to Coulter Pine Drive.

I have reviewed, for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, the project description for the vacation of excess road right-of-way. The proposed action qualifies for a Categorical Class 5 Exemption under Section 15305(a) of the CEQA Guidelines because it consists of minor lot line adjustments and set back variances which do not result in the creation of any new parcels.

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